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President: Ms. Al-Khalifa ..... (Bahrain)

The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Agenda item 103 (*continued*)

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

The President: The General Assembly will continue with the election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council to replace those members whose term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

As members will recall, when the 33rd plenary meeting was adjourned yesterday afternoon, there remained one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States.

In accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, we shall proceed now to the next round of balloting by secret ballot.

This eleventh round of balloting, which in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, will also be the fourth unrestricted ballot.

May I remind the Assembly that any Member State from among the Latin American and Caribbean States may be a candidate except those outgoing members and those already members of the Security Council, namely, Argentina and Peru.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers marked "B" for the Latin American and Caribbean States the name of the one State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" will be declared invalid if they contain the name of more than one State. If a ballot paper contains the name of a Member State which does not belong to that region, that ballot will be declared invalid.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 10.25 a.m. and resumed at 10.45 a.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	191
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	191

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Abstentions:	8
Required two-thirds majority:	122
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	107
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	76

Since the result of the ballot has been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States. We must therefore proceed to a fifth unrestricted ballot.

For this twelfth round of balloting, may I remind the Assembly that any Member State from among the Latin American and Caribbean States may be a candidate except those outgoing members and those already members of the Security Council, namely, Argentina and Peru.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 10.55 a.m. and resumed at 11.15 a.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States

Number of ballot papers:	192
Number of invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	191
Abstentions:	7
Required two-thirds majority:	123
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	107
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	77

Since the result of the ballot has again been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States. We must therefore proceed to a sixth unrestricted ballot.

For this thirteenth round of balloting, may I remind the Assembly that any Member State from among the Latin American and Caribbean States may be a candidate except those outgoing members and those already members of the Security Council, namely, Argentina and Peru.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers marked "B" for the Latin American and Caribbean States the name of the one State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" will be declared invalid if they contain the name of more than one State. If a ballot paper contains the name of a Member State which does not belong to that region, that ballot will be declared invalid.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 11.25 a.m. and resumed at 11.40 a.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	192
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	192
Abstentions:	5
Required two-thirds majority:	125
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	112
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	75

Since the result of the ballot has again been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States. We shall therefore proceed to the fourteenth round of balloting, which is the seventh restricted ballot.

This fourteenth round of balloting shall be restricted to two States from among the Latin American and Caribbean States which were not elected but obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely Guatemala and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. This is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" for the Latin American and Caribbean States will be declared invalid if they contain the name of a State other than Guatemala or the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as well as if they contain the name of more than one State.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 11.50 a.m. and resumed at 12.15 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	191
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	191
Abstentions:	7
Required two-thirds majority:	123
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	108
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	76

Since the result of the ballot has again been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States. We shall therefore proceed to the fifteenth round of balloting, which is the eighth restricted ballot.

This fifteenth round of balloting shall be restricted to two States from among the Latin American and Caribbean States which were not elected but obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely, Guatemala and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. This is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" for the Latin American and Caribbean States will be declared invalid if they contain the name of a State other than Guatemala or the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as well as if they contain the name of more than one State.

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and Ms. Dinevska (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 12.25 p.m. and resumed at 12.40 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	192
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	192
Abstentions:	7
Required two-thirds majority:	124
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	107
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	78

Since the result of the ballot has again been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States. We shall therefore proceed to the sixteenth round of balloting, which is the ninth restricted ballot.

This sixteenth round of balloting shall be restricted to two States from among the Latin American and Caribbean States which were not elected but obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely, Guatemala and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. This is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" for the Latin American and Caribbean States will be declared invalid if they contain the name of a State other than Guatemala or the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as well as if they contain the name of more than one State.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 12.50 a.m. and resumed at 1 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	192
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	192
Abstentions:	8
Required two-thirds majority:	123
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	108
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	76

This restricted ballot has again been inconclusive. According to the rules of procedure, we shall next continue with a series of unrestricted ballots. However, in view of the lateness of the hour, I propose that we postpone further balloting until 3 p.m. this afternoon.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 1.05 p.m.